

Senate Bill No. 1423

CHAPTER 873

An act to add Section 2023.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to the healing arts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1423, Figueroa. Laser procedures.

Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, creates the Medical Board of California that is responsible, through its Division of Licensing, for issuing a physician's and surgeon's certificate to qualified applicants. Existing law also creates the Board of Registered Nursing to license and regulate registered nurses and associated professions.

This bill would require the Medical Board of California, in conjunction with the Board of Registered Nursing, and in consultation with the Physician Assistant Committee and professionals in the field, to review issues and problems surrounding the use of laser or intense light pulse devices for elective cosmetic procedures by physicians and surgeons, nurses, and physician assistants. The bill would also require the Medical Board of California and the Board of Registered Nursing, on or before January 1, 2009, to adopt regulations relating to that practice.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2023.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

2023.5. (a) The board, in conjunction with Board of Registered Nursing, and in consultation with the Physician Assistant Committee and professionals in the field, shall review issues and problems surrounding the use of laser or intense light pulse devices for elective cosmetic procedures by physicians and surgeons, nurses, and physician assistants. The review shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The appropriate level of physician supervision needed.
- (2) The appropriate level of training to ensure competency.
- (3) Guidelines for standardized procedures and protocols that address, at a minimum, all of the following:
 - (A) Patient selection.
 - (B) Patient education, instruction, and informed consent.
 - (C) Use of topical agents.

(D) Procedures to be followed in the event of complications or side effects from the treatment.

(E) Procedures governing emergency and urgent care situations.

(b) On or before January 1, 2009, the board and the Board of Registered Nursing shall promulgate regulations to implement changes determined to be necessary with regard to the use of laser or intense pulse light devices for elective cosmetic procedures by physicians and surgeons, nurses, and physician assistants.

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